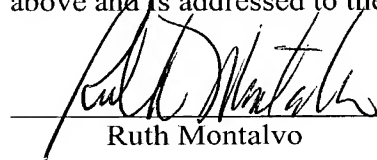


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to receipt of a first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Cancel the present specification and substitute therefor the enclosed substitute specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 3, line 1, change "Claims" to --What is claimed is--.

Cancel claims 1-3 and add new claims 4-7, reading as follows:

--4. (New) In a fluorescence microscope comprising:
blocking filters having a particular wedge angle are used for a portion of the light emitted by a specimen;
wherein said blocking filters are marked with respect to the orientation of their wedge angle.

5. (New) The fluorescence microscope according to claim 4, wherein said microscope has a filter holder, and wherein a marking to which the marking on the filter can be oriented in a defined manner is provided on said filter holder.

6. (New) The fluorescence microscope according to claim 4, wherein the filters are marked with respect to their wedge angle.

7. (New) The fluorescence microscope according to claim 5, wherein the filters are marked with respect to their wedge angle.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Cancel the present Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute therefor the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached to the Substitute Specification.

REMARKS

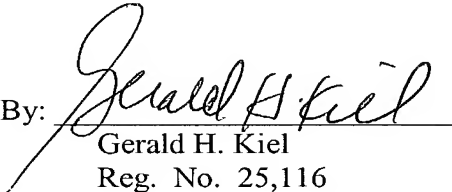
Claims 1-3 have been cancelled and new claims 4-7 have been added.

The amendments to the claims have been made only to improve the form of the claims for examination purposes.

The specification and abstract have been amended to conform it to U.S. format.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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